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Michigan Suicide Prevention Commission

July 16, 2021

10:30 AM – 11:30 AM

South Grand Building – Grand Conference Room
333 S. Grand Avenue, Lansing, MI

Conference Line: 248-509-0316

Access Code: 565105576#

MINUTES

I. Call to Order – Nancy Buyle

a. Roll Call

Nancy Buyle called the meeting to order at 10:32 AM. The roll was taken, and a quorum of members were present.

b. Virtual Decorum

II. Public Comment (comments are limited to 3 minutes)

Public comment was provided by Robert Goble and James Gallant.

III. Review and Adopt May 2021 Meeting Minutes

The May 2021 minutes needed to be updated to reflect “MINUTES” on the top of the page.

Shaun Abbey motioned to approve May 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting Minutes with amendments. John Joseph seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. MDHHS Updates

a. Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Administration – Dr. Deb Pinals

According to the CDC’s Household Pulse Survey, 30-40% of Michigan residents report being impacted by anxiety and depression. BHDDA continues to work on

the StayWell initiative. The state has received federal funding to support individuals who need additional crisis counseling. The MiCAL work continues, as it has gone live in Oakland County and the Upper Peninsula.

- b. Injury Violence Prevention – Jennifer DeLaCruz/Pat Smith
Injury and Violence Prevention is partnering with BHDDA on 988 implementation. There is additional interest in using geo-coding for Lifeline calls, to identify where calls originate from and individuals getting routed back to the state where the caller is located.
- c. Prevention Block Grant – Rachel Zaguskin
The objective of the Block Grant activity is to educate Michiganders about suicide and suicide prevention, specific to lethal means storage. The target audience is male, 20-50 years old. This will run from September 5 to September 11, to align with Suicide Prevention Week.

V. Governor’s Challenge on Suicide Prevention Update – Julie Cortright

Director Zaneta Adams (MVAA) and Julie Cortright (MVAA) provided an update on the 2021 Michigan Governor’s Challenge Initiative. Some of the key efforts and focus include:

- Reducing suicide among service members, veterans and their families;
- Increasing access to services and support;
- Expanding state-wide capacity to engage SMVF in public and private services;
- Enhancing provider and SMVF peer practices

The full presentation can be found [here](#).

VI. Post Suicide Prevention Workgroup Discussion – Barb Smith/Lindsey DeCamp

Barb Smith and Lindsey DeCamp (DHHS) gave an overview of Postvention Activity in Michigan. As part of TYSP-Mi3’s goal to assess suicide prevention services across the state, the group sent an online survey to each county’s suicide prevention leader to try to better understand their postvention resources and needs.

The full presentation can be found [here](#).

VII. Other Updates

No additional updates provided.

VIII. Next Steps

- a. Action Item Recap – James Bell III
No action items were recorded during this meeting.

IX. Public Comment (time permitting)

A second public comment was not held due to a lack of time.

X. Adjourn

Dan Hagen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Barb Smith seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

The July Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting adjourned at 11:35 AM.

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Upcoming Meetings

Suicide Prevention Commission Meeting

September 17, 2021

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Please contact James Bell for additional meeting information.

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July 2021 Suicide Prevention Commission Attendance Report

	Name	Present	Not Present
1	Shaun Abbey	X	
2	Zaneta Adams	X	
3	Brian Ahmedani	X	
4	William Becroft	X	
5	Debra Brinson		X
6	Nancy Buyle	X	
7	Adelle Cadieux		X
8	Richard Copen		X
9	Jessica DeJohn	X	
10	Sarah Derwin	X	
11	Amber Desgranges		X
12	Corey Doan		X
13	Kevin Frank Fischer	X	
14	Cathrine Frank		
15	John Greden	X	
16	Danny Hagen	X	
17	Cary Johnson		
18	John Joseph	X	
19	Laurin Jozlin	X	
20	Jennifer Morgan		
21	Thomas Reich		
22	Ryan Schroerlucke	X	
23	Barbara Smith	X	
24	Corbin Standley		
25	Kiran Taylor	X	
26	Kenneth Wolf	X	
	James Bell	X	
	Jennifer DeLaCruz	X	
	Debra Pinals	X	
	Linda Scarpetta		
	Patricia Smith	X	
	Orlando Todd		
	Jeff Spitzley		
	Rachel Zaguskin	X	